

**SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicant: Yoshiyuki Seki, et al.

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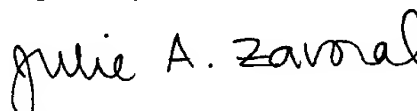
REMARKS

With this Amendment, new Claims 17-19 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 10-19 remain pending.

Claims 17-19 find support on page 14, lines 13-32 and FIGURES 15-20 of the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any extension or additional fees associated with this or any other communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2522.

Respectfully submitted,



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